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IONIC LODGE A.F.& A.M.  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

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The IONIC LODGE is a 1926 revival of the early nineteenth century's Roman Revival, the later being an outgrowth of the early twentieth century's Colonial and Georgian Revivals. The Lodge Room, above two storeys of rental space, is arranged in strict accord with Masonic tradition. The weight-driven clock in the spire dates from 1887 and it was made by E.Howard & Co. of Boston.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ionic Lodge No. 145 A.F. and A.M.

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

85 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ionic Lodge No. 145

Telephone #: 833-9776

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Masonic Building

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 634

Folio #: 211

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The IONIC LODGE, No. 145, is a two story brick hexastile temple-form structure above a high stone foundation and ground story; it is six bays in length. It was built in 1926, as indicated by the limestone cornerstone in the northeast corner. The brick is laid in Flemish bond and masonry trimmings such as panels, keystones, imposts, sill and lintels are all of precast concrete.

The principal facade is to the west; the outer bays of the portico are closed, defined by Tuscan pilasters of wood; Ionic columns screen the recessed porch which contains the three principal entrances. The wooden Ionic entablature extends around the northwest and northeast corners to define a portico two bays in depth. Above the classical pediment is a belfry and clock tower topped by a slim concave spire.

Large tripartite windows are in each bay of the first story and shallow brick pilasters between them support a lofty blind arcade, void of windows in the second story. Smaller double windows are in each bay in the stone ground story.

Within, various rental spaces are in the ground and first stories, all finishes and materials are of recent origin. Originally, a large auditorium with a stage occupied the entire first story but it has been reduced to about half its original size and the stage has been eliminated in favor of a large kitchen.

The principal staircase is in the enclosed northerly bay of the portico, giving access to the large Masonic Lodge Room in the upper story. Tuscan pilasters against the plastered walls support an entablature, above which is a coved plaster ceiling. The room is laid out in accordance with Masonic custom, the Worshipful Master in an aspe in the East, the Senior Warden in the West, the Junior Warden on the south, all raised three, two, and one step above the floor, respectively. The altar is in the center and members' pews are along the north and south walls facing the altar. Various other Masonic symbols are in appropriate places on the walls and on the furnishings.

The clock, visible in the unfinished attic, was made by E. Howard & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts. A written tablet on the walls indicates that it was first installed at Goodwin's Livery Stable in Reisterstown, 1887, reinstalled here in 1968. It has a pendulum escapement, weight-driven; the weights fall to the first floor in a chase in the extreme northwest corner of the enclosed portico. A bell is in the first story of the cupola and a four-faced clock is in the second.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Freemasonry existed in Reisterstown from 1798 when a Lodge was chartered at the village, named Temple No. 26. Little could be learned of this early Lodge.

In 1869, another Lodge was organized in Reisterstown, the Ionic Lodge No. 145 A.F. and A.M. Its first meetings were held in the Meeting room of the Henry Clay Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (#56 Main). This hall was rented for \$12.00 a year. The first petitioners after its organization were Mr. William A. Slade and Dr. Isaac N. Dickson.

In 1922, a committee was formed with the task of finding land and erecting a building for a temple. In July of 1926, Isaac Cockey Dickson, son of the Dickson mentioned above, deeded to the Ionic Building Company, Inc. a parcel of land made up of land that had been purchased from the Jacob Forney estate which was then being broken up and sold plus lots Dr. Dickson had been deeded by his mother, Eurith B. Dickson, (NBM 251/309) and his sister, Annie E. Dickson, (WPC 315/570) (634/211).

The building was constructed by Brother G. Walter Tovell and on October 2, 1926, the cornerstone was laid and the building was subsequently dedicated on March 25, 1927. This is the present building.

In 1968, the temple was further enhanced by "Big Ed", the old town clock, which had been constructed in 1888 and was originally installed on Goodwin's Livery Stable and Town Hall. A new cupola was built atop the temple and the clock went to its new home.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Maryland  
 Hundredth Anniversary, Ionic Lodge No. 145 A.F. and A.M. Commemorative  
 Booklet 1869-1969 (Reisterstown, Privately Printed, 1969)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY  $\frac{52' \times 120'}{48' \times 464'}$

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY** James T. Wollon, A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives, Project Coordinator

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown

STATE

Maryland 21136

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Masque Temple

BA 1263

Ionic Temple

Reist. Md

Carol Pollack

4/77

West